

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : You will be allowed to speak after me ... *(Interruptions)*.... Mr. Chairman, Sir, the atrocities of the police in this country increasing day by day. If the security personnel deputed in the P.M.'s staff do any atrocity in the capital that report is published on the first page of the newspapers. The whole country has been condemning the action of the police personnel. But I am sorry to say that recently the same incident has occurred involving a person living in my South Delhi Parliamentary Constituency. You must have seen the front page of "Times of India" Martin Messy, a forty eight years old young man of New Friends Colony in my Parliamentary Constituency works as an Executive in a Private Company. He was going to his home from Khan Market by Scooter. On the way the traffic was stopped due to P.M.'s visit. Suddenly a Gypsy left the scene and he thought that the green signal had been given to traffic. He started his scooter. The police chased him. He was caught on the way and he was beaten mercilessly by the police. The photograph published on the front page of "The Times of India" tells the tragic story of this man.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, we have been arguing in favour of providing security to Prime Minister of our country and tight security should be maintained in this regard. But no body in this house can justify the action of police who thrash innocent people mercilessly in the name of security. Due to absence of proper security measures in this country, two Prime Ministers had been murdered and these security personnel could not save them. But here if an innocent person breaks the security cardon unknowingly, he is caught and beaten mercilessly. If he was at fault, he would have been taken to police station and thoroughly searched and detained for interrogation instead of doing so, he was mercilessly beaten and his four front teeth were broken. Today he is lying grievously injured at his residence and would remain so for several months. Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs is present in the House, I would appeal to him through you Sir, that he may instruct the Police Commissioner of Delhi to penalise police personnel who are guilty. Not only this, a letter expressing regret should be sent from through some special messenger. The state Minister in the Prime Minister's Office or a messenger of P.M. may visit his home and express his regret, to balm his wounds I, being representative of my area, would visit his home today. But I would like to appeal to the Government through you Sir, that somebody must visit his residence and he should express regret for that incident on behalf of the Government. The guilty police personnel should be punished so that such incidents might not occur in future. This is what I would like to request the Government through you Sir ... *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN : All right, you have made your point.

....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will allow you. The Minister of Home Affairs is on his legs.

....*(Interruptions)*

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali) : Sir, I am on the same subject.*(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please take your seat. The Minister of Home Affairs is on his legs. Lodhaji, please take your seat.

....*(Interruptions)*

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Let him give his reply to this also whether the hon. Minister of Home Affairs would lay down the new norms for the route coverage of the hon. Prime Minister.

In this case, the person was taken to the police station and Rs. 3,000/- was demanded from him as a bribe in order to release him.

13.00 hrs.

Sir, in order to release his scooter, an amount of Rs. 1,000 was taken as bribe from him....*(Interruptions)* There is evidence.... *(Interruptions)*. Would the hon. Home Minister react to this also? I am asking one question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Lodhaji, please take your seat. The Home Minister is on his legs.

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Sir, would the hon. Home Minister revise the norms regarding the Prime Minister's route?*(Interruptions)*

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Sir, I am seeking your permission to make a statement *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Lodhaji, please take your seat.

DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Sir, please allow us also.*(Interruptions)*

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Sir, I am very thankful to Shrimati Sushma Swaraj for having brought to the notice of the House this unfortunate incident which has taken place and which has been prominently published in at least one newspaper today. I am also very glad to know from her that she proposes to visit the house of this gentleman because it is in her own constituency.*(Interruptions)* I think she is going to his house.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Yes, I am going.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Anyway, for her information and the information of the House, and for your information, I have already, this morning, summoned the Police Commissioner to my office here and I have expressed my

grave displeasure and resentment at what has happened and I have told him that strictest penal action must be taken against those members of the police force who are responsible for this incident. He assured me that an inquiry has already been ordered to identify the persons who have done this, who have carried out this unprovoked and, I should say, inhuman type of assault on this citizen of our country. I hope that action will be taken. I will see to it that serious action is taken.

Sir only a few days ago an incident occurred, as you remember, in Connaught Place (Interruptions) Well, I do not want to go into that again. But, anyway, ten of those policemen who were responsible for that incident are now going to be prosecuted for their role in that FIR. I am sure that in the present case too, action will be taken against these policemen. I am very sorry that some policemen in this area of our country sometimes tend to behave in this manner, more than they do, perhaps, in some other places. I do know what it is due to. But, anyway, I agree fully with her that this is a shocking and very depressing kind of thing to happen everyday in our capital city. I will assure the House that severe action will be taken against the guilty policemen (Interruptions) Thank you.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Sir I would like to thank the Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs.

[English]

DR. Y. S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Sir, thank you for calling me.

The Government of Karnataka is constructing, not only Almatti, but another dam called Upper Tunga Project at a cost of Rs. 667 crore, which is to be completed in the next two-and-a-half years. There is already an existing Tungabhadra Project which is to cater to the needs of both Andhra Pradesh and also Karnataka. At least, about two lakh acres of Andhra region is getting irrigation from this Tungabhadra Project. If this Upper Tunga project is constructed, which is supposed to cater to the needs of almost seven lakh acres, I am quite sure that the Tungabhadra project which is catering to the needs of Andhra Pradesh—at least three districts of Andhra Pradesh for the past four decades, will not be useful and these places will not get any more water at all. The lower riparian rights are being affected. The farmers are very much agitated. As you are aware, there is already a project called Almatti Dam which is being built for the past two-and-a-half years. The project is being built totally illegally, without the permission of the Central Water Commission and the same thing is also being repeated even in this Upper Tunga Project.

Sir, this is totally against the Award of the Bachawat Commission. This does not come under the Award at all. Only Andhra Pradesh is allowed to use all surplus water till

the year 2000 A.D. as per the Award of the Bachawat Tribunal.

Sir, when they do not have any right to use the surplus water, they are constructing project after project. (Interruptions)

SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI (Belgaum) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Government of Karnataka is utilising its own water. (Interruptions)

DR. Y. S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Sir, let me complete my submission.

SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI : Sir, it is a State subject.

DR. Y. S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Sir, I am not yielding.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is not yielding. Please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has been allowed to make his submission. You also give a notice to make your submission.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI : Sir, we are utilising our own water and we are constructing the dam as per the Bachawat Award only. ... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You also give a notice.

... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Why are you objecting ?

.... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have given him permission to raise the matter. Let him complete his submission.

... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Reddy, Please be brief, because there are a number of hon. Members who want to make submissions.

DR. Y. S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY : Sir, the Committee of Chief Minister have appointed a technical team which has already gone into the Almatti dam issue and they have come out with a report saying that the Government of Karnataka is doing something wrong and it is totally illegal. But even now the Central Government is not at all acting on that report. Till last month, Shir Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister. But now even after Shri Gujral becoming